

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets (2/5, 3/5, 4/5 and 5/5) containing Figures 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 include changes in Figures 3, 4, 7 and 8 and replace original sheets 2/5, 3/5, 4/5 and 5/5. The attached annotated sheets 2/5, 3/5, 4/5 and 5/5 clearly show the changes.

Attachment: Replacement sheets 2/5, 3/5, 4/5 and 5/5

Annotated sheets 2/5, 3/5, 4/5 and 5/5 showing changes.

REMARKS

The claims now presented do not recite a receiving portion for the lock, a quick release pin or a lanyard . Thus obviating the rejection under 37CFR 1.83(a).

Amendments to the drawings have been made to correct errors and omissions and to apply reference numbers to features further described in the claims and amended specification.

Independent amended claim 15 defines a convertible cargo container having top and back panels which are attachable to legs to form one table and front and bottom panels which are attachable to legs to form a second table; the legs being retractable attached to the interior surfaces of a plurality of the panels. Such a construction is not shown or suggested by the cited patents and accordingly amended claim 15 is believed to be allowable. Dependent claims 16-20, 22-23 are believed allowable for reasons presented for allowance of parent claim 15.

New dependent claim 24 defines vertical side walls 102, 103, 104, 106 extending upwardly from the edges of the bottom 101 at least as high as the thickness of the end panels and the end panels sized to fit side by side within the side walls. Such a structure is not suggested by the cited patents.

New dependent claim 25 adds the racks having U-shaped components extending laterally beyond the lateral width of the carrier for transport of items wider than the lateral width of the carrier. The components 112, 113 of DuRant extend in a fore and aft direction and are designed to attach to a vehicle bumper rather than support cargo.

It is believed the claims now presented properly define applicant invention and accordingly a notice of allowance is solicited.

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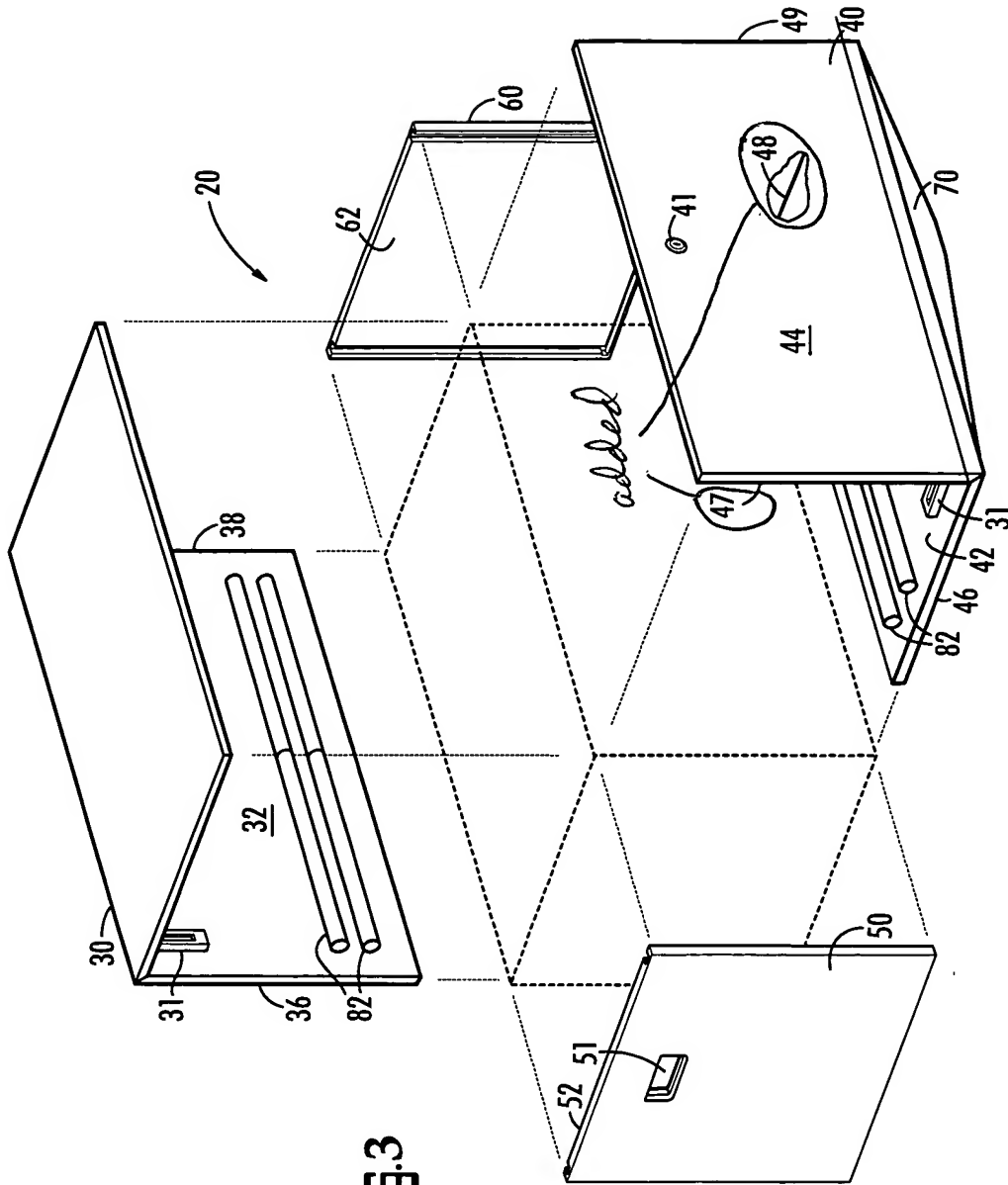
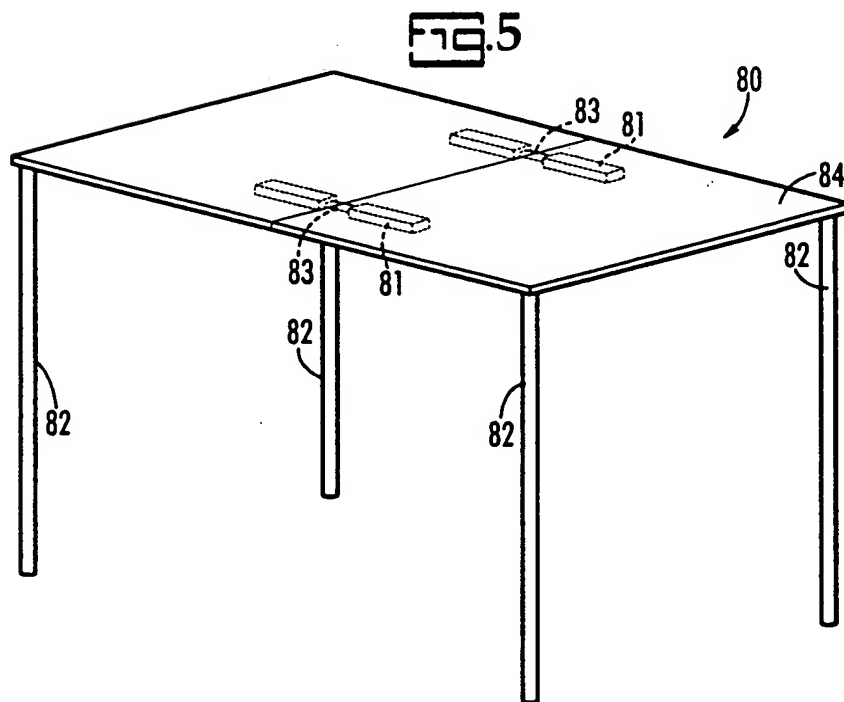


FIG. 3

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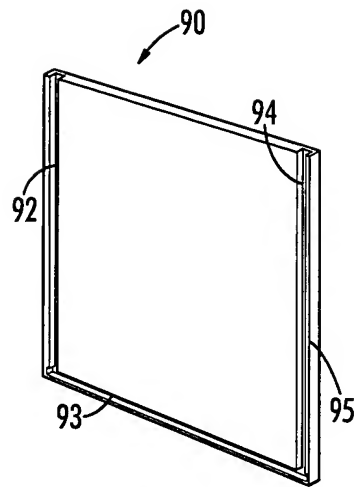


FIG. 6A

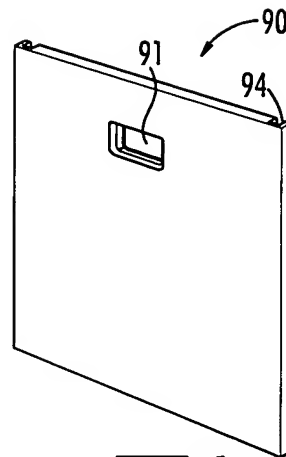


FIG. 6B

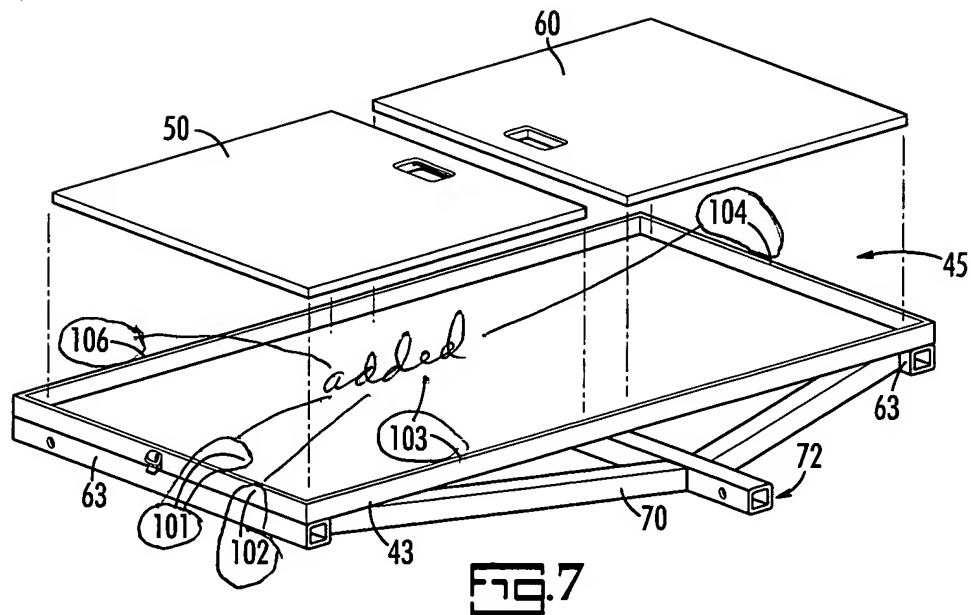


FIG. 7

